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REPORT OF TERI ON AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have claimed success in curbing air pollution in the Capital and other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details and extent thereof;

(c) whether the Tata Energy and Research Institute (TERI) recently disclosed that the air quality had in fact deteriorated further after April, 2000 despite ban on old vehicles and the subsequent directives for the conversion of commercial vehicles to the CNG fuel;

(d) if so, whether the Central Pollution Control Board has also received the said report from the TERI; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) According to the Central Pollution Control Board , analysis of ambient air quality in Delhihas indicated decrease in the levels of Sulphur dioxide, Nitrogen dioxide and Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter during the year 2000 when compared to the levels measured during the year 1999. For other metropolitan cities, the rate of unabated increase in air pollution has been checked due to various measures taken by the Government.

(c)& (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The observations of the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) are based on short term air quality monitoring and no conclusive inference can be drawn.